

# *Marines* SAVED ROUNDS

## Tax statements to be posted on myPay

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**T**he New Year is here and April 15 is right around the corner. That means it's time to gather financial documentation for filing taxes.

Instead of waiting for paper copies of W2 Wage and Tax Statements to arrive via traditional methods, service members, retirees, and defense civilian employees can now join the 21st century and view these documents online through myPay. myPay is an automated system that circumvents the paper form process and allows individuals immediate access to their pay account information.

"myPay is easier and quicker than waiting for a hard copy of your W2," said Carol Garcia, a public affairs specialist for the Defense Finance and



Accounting Service. "W2s are scheduled to begin coming out (in December) on myPay. Normally, service members wouldn't see a hard copy of their W2s until late January."

"The convenience of this is that it allows you to get a jump on filling out paperwork and filing your taxes," Garcia said.

myPay provides access to much more than just tax statements. Individuals can access certain pay items such as

Leave and Earnings statements and make changes to their pay account. A few of the items that can be managed via myPay are federal and state taxes, savings allotments, the Thrift Savings Plan and savings bonds.

"Why wait for the mail to arrive when you are just a click away," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Mike Spahalski, Headquarters liaison officer, Programs & Resources, Fiscal Division, Finance Branch. "Log onto myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and take control."

Using myPay to make these types of changes is quicker and more convenient than going through your local administration office for assistance, said Garcia. "You can make changes on myPay immediately from the privacy

of your home instead of going to an admin office, filling out forms and waiting or someone else to do it."

The Web site is a safe and secure system so you don't need to worry that "someone will be able to hack into the system" and access your information, Garcia said. Requiring individuals to use a browser with Secure Socket Layers protocol with 128-bit encryption software, and using a combination of a PIN number and the individual's social security number help to protect the security of information on the site.

To get a myPay PIN, simply click on 'Need a PIN' when viewing the Web site then follow the directions, said Spahalski. "If you live in the barracks, call your local disbursing or finance officer. Ask to speak to the myPay TASO."

You can also follow online instructions on faxing in a request for a PIN, Spahalski said.

For additional information about myPay, visit the Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For additional assistance, call the Centralized Customer Support Office at 1 800 390-2348. *M*

## Wall honors memory of fallen heroes

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**T**he Marines of Recruiting Station New York recently unveiled a "Wall of Heroes" honoring the 23 former Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice Sept. 11, 2001, as firemen, policemen and federal agents attempting to save lives at the World Trade Center.

More than 200 firefighters of the Fire Department of New York, police from the Port Authority and New York Police Departments and federal agents gathered to pay respect to the fallen heroes and to reassure their loved ones that their loss, brotherhood and sacrifice are not forgotten.

The memorial is a permanent addition to the RS headquarters. The 23 portraits that cover one wall of the triptych will be a lasting tribute to these men. Along one wall is a display case filled with items retrieved from the Ground

Zero site and photos that capture the tragedy and human element of the day.

Maj. J.J. Dill, the RS commanding officer, came up with the idea for the memorial shortly after presenting a flag flown over Afghanistan to the family of Firefighter John G. Chipura, a former Marine who died Sept. 11, 2001. As the headquarters for the RS, which covers New York City and Long Island, more than 1,000 young men and women annually pass through its doors before heading to Parris Island, S.C., to earn the title Marine. This memorial will serve as a symbol of the brotherhood they are joining and put faces and names with the legacy they must uphold.

As for the Marines who are currently assigned here, Dill said it's a reminder of our role as Marines and to continue



to find the best and brightest in our communities in order to win this global war on terrorism.

"We don't do this only because we want to," Sgt. Maj. Fenton Reese, the RS sergeant major, said "We do this because we are supposed to...we're Marines." *M*

**▲ Monsignor John Delendick, Fire Department of New York chaplain, gave the benediction following the unveiling of the "Wall of Heroes" memorial at Recruiting Station New York. After praying for the blessings of the fallen heroes, their loved ones and all those who continue to serve our Country he said, "Let this serve for all of us as a reminder that there is much work to done. We must never forget those who live without freedom." Chief Salvatore Cassano, FDNY's chief of operations, stands to the right of the chaplain.**

### Marine veterans who gave their life at the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001

#### Fire Department of New York

Firefighter Calixto Anaya, Jr.  
Capt. Patrick J. Brown  
Firefighter John G. Chipura  
Firefighter Ruben D. Correa  
Deputy Chief Raymond M. Downey  
Capt. Michael A. Esposito  
Firefighter Matthew D. Garvey  
Firefighter Gary P. Geidel  
Battalion Chief Joseph Grzelak  
Firefighter Ronnie L. Henderson  
Firefighter William E. Krukowski  
Firefighter Manuel Mojica  
Firefighter Christian Regenhart  
Firefighter Gregory Sikorsky  
Firefighter Kevin Smith

Firefighter Sean Tallon  
Firefighter Allan Tarasiewicz

#### New York City Police Department

Sgt. John Coughlin  
Sgt. Michael Curtin  
Police Officer Vincent Danz

#### Port Authority Police Department

Police Officer Paul Jurgens  
Police Officer James Parham

#### Federal Bureau of Investigations

Special Agent Leonard Hatton

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"People love the Toys for Tots campaign here because it's something where they can give a donation and they know that it is going to a kid,"

— State Department toy drive organizer Jonathon Myers, who is a Marine Corps reserve major, during the State Department's presentation of more than 4,200 toys to the Toys for Tots program.